

COMMITTEE: GENERAL	DATE: FEBRUARY 3, 2022	LOCATION: TELECONFERENCE
<p>PRESENT: Asimos, Barry, Bortel, Boutilier, Brandon, Brilliant, Buennagel, Dowling, Etemovic, Gould, Gunn, Locks, López, Notowich, Nuessle, Silverman, Vreeland Long</p> <p>EXCUSED: Brinkmann</p> <p>ABSENT: Boland, Bradley, Marchese, Saffran</p> <p>VACANT: San Anselmo</p>		
<p>RECORDER: Mandy Reyes (Staff, AAA)</p>		
<p>NEXT MEETING: Thursday, Mar. 3, 2022, Zoom Teleconference</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">MINUTE SUMMARY</p>		
<p>Presentation: Voces del Canal, Building Community and Creating Opportunities in the Canal Neighborhood of San Rafael</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u> Members of Voces del Canal introduced by Omar Carrera, CEO, Canal Alliance</p> <p>Call to Order Chair López called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m.</p> <p>Approval of Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Boutilier made a motion to approve the agenda as written. • Commissioner Asimos seconded. • The motion carried 17-0. <p>Approval of the Minutes – Jan. 6, 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Boutilier made a motion to approve the minutes of Jan. 6, 2022 as amended. • Commissioner Nuessle seconded. • Motion carried 17-0. 		

Open Time for Public Expression on Matters not on the Agenda:

Susan Windman, Member of the Public –

Windman expressed concern that there is not enough recognition and support for family caregivers, and more is needed.

Announcements:

Chair López announced the following:

- Commissioner Bortel announced that the Jackson Café at Vivalon has reopened. They are open Monday – Friday and it's \$6 for a meal if you are a member.

Aging and Adult Services Report:

Director Lee Pullen reported on the following:

- There was a great outcome of what the Marin County Commission on Aging (MCCoA) wants to achieve for the year ahead from the retreat held on January 13, 2022.
- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding will be coming in so a lot of contracts will be going out.
- It's campaign election season for the California Senior Legislature (CSL). Applications will be due March 31, 2022.
- The Area Plan update for the fiscal year 22-23 is in progress. The Public Hearing for the Area Plan update will be held April 4, 2022.
- We are working with the Aging Action Initiative (AAI) to finalize the scope of work for the integrated aging services study. The study is intended to look at the structures, processes and barriers that impact the county's ability and other municipalities' abilities to support the older adults in Marin County.
- Chloe Cook, Unit Supervisor and founder of our Information and Assistance team, will be taking a new position overseeing Health & Human Services' West Marin service center. In the meantime, a recruitment is under way for a new unit supervisor.

Aging Action Initiative (AAI) Report:

Teri Dowling reported on the following:

- AAI is finalizing the ask for the Board of Supervisors this year. The top three issues are housing, social connection and caregiving.
- AAI is working with Collaborative Consulting and the Marin Aging & Disability Institute (MADI) to explore the integration of AAI into MADI.
- The Advocacy Alliance meetings have had two excellent presentations which included the executive director of Marin Center for Independent Living and the director of the county's Behavioral Health Services.

- The next Inform & Connect session is Monday, Feb. 7 with Marin Transit. On Feb. 28, the Inform & Connect session will be about the Digital Divide.
- Detect & Connect sessions are offered in the community. If you are interested, please contact AAI if you would like to have a free workshop this spring.

Chair/Vice Chair/Secretary Report:

Chair Report:

Chair López reported on the following:

- Wished the commission a happy Lunar New Year.
- Final Report from the MCCoA retreat has been sent to all commissioners and staff.
- The topic of the January Age-Friendly forum was 'Getting Smarter About Getting Older- A Conversation'. The next forum will be Wednesday, February 23, 2022, 10:30 – 11:45 a.m. and is titled 'Employment After 50 in Marin'.
- Housing Action Coalition held a webinar. Here is a link: [What does Progressive Housing Look Like?](#)
- Justice in Aging has provided their summary in response to Governor Newsom's proposed budget for FY 22-23.
- Commission roster has been revised and sent out.
- The Digital Marin Strategic Plan was accepted by the Marin County Board of Supervisors.
- Othering and Belonging Institute has a series of podcasts with John A. Powell.
- * A comprehensive Chair's written report is attached as Addendum A.

Vice Chair Report:

Vice Chair Silverman reported on the following:

- Silverman attended the Suicide Prevention Collaborative and recommends attending.
- Men and Boys Team, Marin Prevention and Outreach is looking for more members to attend.
- Some commissioners met with members of the Youth Commission. He hopes the commission can collaborate with them more in the future.
- The Digital Marin's strategic plan is not strong on older adults. Silverman is working on a presentation for the AAI.
- The Bylaws committee of the commission is meeting every week for an hour and going line by line. They are looking for duplication or irrelevancy and updating wording.

Secretary Report:

Secretary Barry reported on the following:

- Please send updates for the MCCOA calendar if you need to.

- The Communications sub-committee decided communication is really important. It was decided that the highest priority right now is to create a website and possibly a YouTube channel.

Action Item: Approval of Resolution to Continue Online Meetings

- Discussion: the wording of the resolution should be amended. Chair López made a motion to approve this change. The motion carried 17-0.
- Commissioner Brilliant made a motion to approve the resolution to continue online meetings.
- Commissioner Silverman seconded.
- Votes in favor: 16
- Vote opposed: 1

Transportation Report:

Nancy Geisse, Chief Operating Officer, Vivalon reported on the following:

- Vivalon has changed a lot in the last two years. They are not just transportation. They have developed the eight-week Healthy Aging program, launched a social in-home visiting program called ‘Care and Connections’, and launched two new programs to help with the Digital Divide.
- The Marin Transit paratransit contract has moved from Vivalon to Transdev as of Tuesday. Despite this, the Vivalon transportation department is robust and includes the following:
 - Shuttles for a half dozen organizations/companies
 - Routes for the Golden Gate Regional Center
 - School transportation for Miller Creek School District
 - Emergency transportation for the county
 - Charters for special events
 - Medical transportation
 - A Lyft program to make Lyft accessible for older adults through provider partners
 - CarePool, a volunteer program that does free rides to medical appointments and grocery stores
- Vivalon’s transportation department also does more than rides:
 - Maintenance for outside fleets and call center services for other organizations
 - Transportation planning consulting
 - A workforce development driver training program is in progress

Commissioner Updates (Commissioners appointed by the Board of Supervisors):

Asimos/ López (District 1):

Commissioner Asimos reported on the following:

- At the Jan. 25 Board of Supervisors (BOS) meeting, a resolution of commendations was approved. Commissioner Locks was highlighted for her exemplary services.

Commissioner López reported on the following:

- **Budget and Fiscal Responsibility** - On Jan. 4, the BOS reaffirmed the county's budget priorities: affordable housing, homelessness, racial equality, climate change, sea-level rise, disaster preparedness, and county infrastructure. The Board also published its 2022 Federal and State Legislative Programs and Policy Guidelines.
- **Natural Environment and Climate Change** - In December, the BOS allocated \$4 million toward climate mitigation and adaptation efforts throughout the county.
- **Equity** – The BOS allocated \$% million in American Rescue Plan funds to support internal and external equity initiatives, \$2.5 million is set aside for department-initiated equity projects that impact outcome in low-income communities. The other \$2.5 million will go to community-initiated projects through a participatory budgeting process.
- **Affordable Housing and Regional Housing Needs Allocation** - Community members are encouraged to attend meetings regarding the work that is being done to update the County's Regional Plan:
 - District 1 – Marinwood/Lucas Valley Meeting, Thursday, February 10, 2022, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. to learn about housing sites under consideration throughout the unincorporated County, including the Marinwood/Lucas Valley communities.
 - District 1 – Los Ranchitos/Santa Venetia Meeting, Tuesday, February 15, 2022, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. to learn about housing sites under consideration throughout the unincorporated County, including Santa Venetia and Los Ranchitos communities.
- **Addressing Homelessness** - Since 2017, 427 people have been housed and 94% of them remain housed. Since 2016, the County had double the supply of supportive housing to 629 units.
- **Efficient and Effective Transportation** - Significant one-time federal funding will be available for transportation in 2022. A resolution in support of seamless regional transportation will be brought to the BOS soon.

Notowich/Nuessle (District 2):

Commissioner Nuessle reported on the following:

- She has been going to a lot of housing element meetings and attended the Advocacy Alliance meeting and heard from Dr. Jai Africa about Behavioral Health Services.
- Commissioners Notowich and Nuessle met about how best to share District 2 responsibilities.
- Brian Colbert, mayor of San Anselmo, and Nuessle are working together to fill the vacancy on the Commission on Aging for the town of San Anselmo.

Commissioner Notowich reported on the following:

- Ross Age Friendly is meeting monthly. They are working on a joint program with Marin Center for Independent Living.
- The city of Larkspur has a link on their website to promote the MCCOA.

Brandon/Silverman (District 3):

Commissioner Brandon reported on the following:

- There have been a few articles in the Marin IJ that are relevant to what's happening in District 3 such as rebuilding the Marin City Community Center and opening a service center in Marin City.
- Commissioners Silverman and Brandon will be meeting with District 3 Supervisor Stephanie Moulton-Peters on Feb. 21 to discuss these developments and promoting the inclusion of age - friendly activities as a priority in upcoming programs.
- The community development agency is holding monthly meetings called 'Community Conversations' with several other departments and community members.

Etemovic/Marchese (District 4):

Commissioner Etemovic reported on the following:

- She met with Supervisor Rodoni to discuss her work on the commission and issues related to older adults in West Marin. One is how to distribute information on how to apply for funds from Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority for home hardening and fire preparedness. The other issue is with Marin Transit and how to solve West Marin transportation issues.
- She will be participating in Marin Housing Element meetings in West Marin.

Barry/Gunn (District 5):

Commissioner Gunn reported on the following:

- Housing Planners of the County of Marin published a list of possible sites in the unincorporated areas of District 5 for potential residency for low- and moderate-income families to be developed over the next 10 years.

Committee/Reports & Chairs:

Executive Committee: Diana López

- If you have something you want to propose for the May forum, please send it in by Feb. 21. The proposals will be discussed at the next meeting and how to move forward.

Health and Nutrition: Jasmina Etemovic:

- The committee is looking at how they can do more on projects related to nutrition.

- Upcoming meeting is Feb. 21. The presentation is on living with Alzheimer's and Dementia.
- The March 21 will have a presentation on caregiving issues by the Caregiving Coalition of Marin.

Housing and Transportation: Sylvia Barry

- At the last meeting, Li Zhang of Transportation Authority of Marin gave a presentation on what they do.
- There will be an educational housing meeting with the county Planning and Development at the next committee meeting.

Legislative: Lisa Brinkmann

None

California Senior Legislature (CSL): Allan Bortel/Lisa Brinkmann

Commissioner Bortel reported on the following:

- Dates are being looked at for the annual CSL Rally. It will be virtual.
- Commissioners Bortel and Brinkmann met with Assemblymember Marc Levine's staff to expose members to the Legislative committee's 10 proposals for this year.

Planning: Diana López for Girija Brilliant

- At the last meeting they discussed changes for the committee. They drafted a summary of how they see the role of the committee and sent it to Lee Pullen and Chair López.

Equity, Outreach and Advocacy (EOC): Wendy Nuessle

- Linda Jackson from Aging Action Initiative (AAI) presented on advocating for housing for older adults in Marin.
- The Advocacy sub-committee meeting held a discussion on how they can work together with AAI to advocate for housing and social connections.
- Nuessle met with Jenay Cottrell and Sara Robinson to talk about Age Forward plan and how the committee will work together.
- On Feb. 17 is the Ally Update and Advocacy Collaboration meeting. The flyer will be coming out soon.

Age-Friendly Update:

Jody Timms reported:

- There has been some receptivity in Fairfax around age-friendly equipment at an outdoor park. If anyone is aware of other age-friendly outdoor parks, please let Timms know.

New Business:

None

Adjournment:

- Commissioner Barry made a motion to end the meeting at 12:36 p.m.
- Commissioner Bortel seconded.
- The motion carried 17-0.

The next meeting will be on March 3, 2022 at 11:15 a.m.